

**METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION
YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL/TUCSON TEEN CONGRESS (YAC/TTC)
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016
METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION,
930 E. BROADWAY BLVD, TUCSON, ARIZONA**

MEETINGS MINUTES

Members Present: Leshawn Bowen, Madeleine Zheng, Nia Moran, Patrick Derrig, Aiselyn Anaya, Brennen Feder, Ev Essif, Rocque Perez, Thomas Camargo, Idyll Bishop, Adrianna Godoy, Sophia Rankin, Meena Venkataramanan, Greg Ward, Ben Hong.

Non-Members Present: Paul Lovelis, Ed Nossem, Adelita Grijalva, Javier Herrera, Rene Pacheco, Kimberly Ward, Morgan Rooney.

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER – BRENNEN FEDER
Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.
- 2.0 ROLL CALL – BRENNEN FEDER
Roll was called; a quorum of members was present.
- 3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – BRENNEN FEDER
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all attendees.
- 4.0 APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2016 MEETING MINUTES – BRENNEN FEDER
Motion: Aiselyn Anaya
Second: Meena Venkateramanan
Motion carried unanimously.
APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 MEETING MINUTES – BRENNEN FEDER
Motion: Brennen Feder
Second: Leshawn Bowen
Motion carried unanimously.
- 5.0 PRESENTATION: SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARDS – ADELITA GRIJALVA
Tucson Unified School District Governing Board member Adelita Grijalva presented on the functions and activities of school boards in general, and the TUSD Governing Board in particular. Ms. Grijalva has served on the TUSD Governing Board for 14 years. The TUSD Governing Board is made up of 5 members, which constitute a majority or a minority of votes, which are non-partisan but issue-driven. The seats are elected positions, which operate on a rotating basis; three seats for one term and two seats for the following term. Each time a new district superintendent takes office the board has to readjust or reset itself; TUSD has had 7 different superintendents in the last 14 years.
The Boards address various issues regarding the operation of the schools in the districts, including infrastructure, academics, discipline, board interaction, and many more issues. The YAC/TTC students asked questions and discussed the role of the Governing Boards in their own day-to-day school activities.

- 6.0 LULAC YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE – JAVIER HERRERA
MEC Commissioner and LULAC Youth Leadership Conference & Career Fair Chair Javier Herrera, along with LULAC YLC Conference Co-Chair Rene Pacheco, presented on the Conference's history, mission, and accomplishments. The YAC/TTC has been involved with the LULAC YLC since the YAC/TTC's inception, and more recently has been utilized to suggest conference themes and workshop topics.
The 2017 Conference will take place on Friday, March 31st at Pima Community College West Campus from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
The YAC/TTC discussed themes and topics for the 2017 event. The lack of motivation on the part of many of the students' peers became a central discussion topic. The agreed upon theme is, "Help Yourself to Help the World".
Workshop topics suggested include: Self Advocacy and Motivation; Scholarships & College Assistance; Employment Applications and Resume Writing; Networking; Relationships and Dating Issues; Stress Management; Money Management; Substance Abuse; Mental Health Issues and Assisting Peers with These Issues; Social Media Management; and College vs. Trade School Attendance.
- 7.0 MAYOR & COUNCIL / BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDAS DISCUSSION – PAUL LOVELIS & ED NOSSEM
No action.
- 8.0 PIMA COUNTY LIBRARY – KENDRA DAVEY
No action.
- 9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS
No action.
- 10.0 CALL TO THE PUBLIC
No action.
- 11.0 ADJOURNMENT - BRENNEN FEDER
Motion to approve: Madeline Zheng
Second: Leshawn Bowen
Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.